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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-34 and 39-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 31-34 and 39-46 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed 10/14/08 have been fully considered. Claim 31 has been amended, claims 35-38 have been canceled and new claims 51-54 have been added as requested. Applicant's cancellation of claims 35-38 renders moot the rejections of claims 36 and 37. Applicant's amendment to claim 31 is found sufficient to overcome the rejections of claims 31-34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/039492 Goppel et al. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach the newly added limitations directed to an anti-inflammatory. As such, these rejections are hereby withdrawn. However, upon further consideration of claims 47 and 49, the following new ground of rejection is set forth herein below. As such, the allowance of claims 47-50 is hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 47-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/039492 Goppel et al., (note: US 2005/0002994 is relied upon as a translation for the WO document).

Goppel et al., teaches a non-woven comprising cotton fibers are treated with the claimed ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate (abstract and section 0267). Goppel et al., teach a thickness of .4mm to 1.5 mm (section 0021). Goppel et al., teach an oil-in-water emulsion (sections 0041-0043).

With regard to the claimed amount of cotton fibers, degree of impregnation and amount of ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino), Goppel et al., teach employing various fibers, but only exemplifies a ratio of 70 wt. % viscose and 30 wt.%PET (sections 0282-0283). However, it is the position of the Examiner that absent unexpected results, it would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to optimize the amount of cotton fibers, degree of impregnation and amount of ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino) in the non-woven as a function of softness and/or absorbency and insect repellency. It has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F. 2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LYNDIA M. SALVATORE whose telephone number is (571)272-1482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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